

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2006

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Laurie Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Jay Lee, Andy Kelemen, Greg Castano, Sanjay Grover

Members Absent: Robert Patten, Mike Goodno, Dan Turner, Suzanna Banwell

Staff Present: Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Others Present: David Suls, Toni Esezobor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

2. Approval of Minutes: vote on reading, vote on adoption

The minutes from the January 12th, 2006 meeting were adopted unanimously with minor revisions.

3. Action Items

New Meeting Day of the Month: The meeting date was changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Meetings will continue to be scheduled to begin at 7 PM and to end at 8:30 PM.

Project Implementation Updates: Bicycle rack installation – Martin Salmon, an intern with the City, will meet with the bicycle subcommittee to review identified sites for installation of bicycle racks to make recommendations to the Committee. Bus schedule holders – Ride-On will supply information sheets once they have completed design and production. They are installing holders that are 5 feet tall by 1 foot wide, with 11 by 17 information sheets. It is possible that the City would install a holder using the dimensions of the sheet but not the holder as it may not fit on streets with narrow right-of-ways as most main roads in the City are. A subcommittee consisting of Greg Castano and Sanjay Grover will work with the data to be provided by Ride-On with David Suls regarding each stop in order to make recommendations regarding location and design for the information holders to the Committee. Public works is intending to repave Maple Avenue between Sherman Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue this Spring and will install the “sharrow” bicycle pavement markings directly after.

Capital Improvement Pedestrian safety projects for FY-06: The City Manager will provide a list of proposed projects, the plans, and estimated costs to the committee for review, and ask the

Committee to prioritize the list and make a recommendation to Council. Projects could be funded and implemented in FY06 or FY07. Committee members are encouraged to submit a detailed description of any other projects beyond those mentioned at the Council meeting (Glenside & Wildwood, Boston Avenue, and Lincoln and Elm). Staff will send the most recent copy of "the Matrix" of projects listed in plans and during brainstorming in the prior year (Sent February – see also "Revised SRC Projects 3" on the SRC files list on the SRC listserv).

Speed Camera Testing Possible on Piney Branch Road or New Hampshire Avenue: The state legislature has approved the use of speed cameras. There was a discussion of the appropriate action for the Committee to take. As the Council and the Committee had expressed written support for the legislation, a letter to the Council expressing that the City move forward with the installation of speed cameras should be drafted for approval and the Chair's signature on behalf of the Committee.

3. Brief Announcements / Updates

East Hampshire Center: It is likely that the Council will vote to oppose the development of East Hampshire Center.

Community Center parking, pedestrian, bicycle circulation study: Greenhorn O'Mara has not completed the study as of yet.

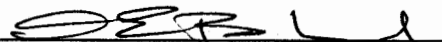
Carroll Avenue: No word on funding for Commercial portion.

Takoma Junction/Fire House: While funding is available July 06 it is estimated that construction will not begin until January 07.


4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted


Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Approved


Laurie Kelly, Chair